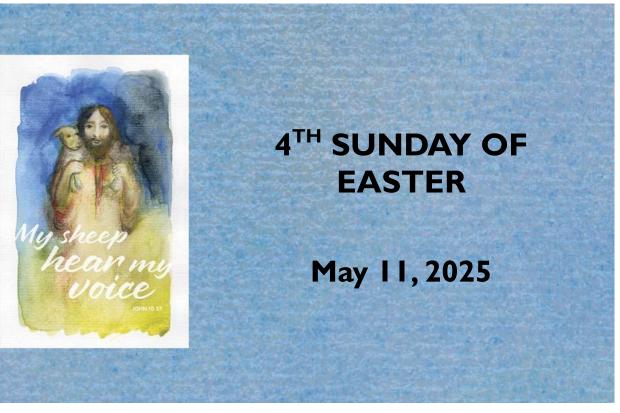
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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- -Generously stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- -Serving as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- -*Providing* for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- -Growing in Faith through worship, study, and discernment
- -Praising God through music, word, and service
- -Welcoming all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor C: Congregation L: Lay Reader A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

+ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER + May 11, 2025

INTRODUCTION

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

ORDER FOR HOLY BAPTISM



***OPENING HYMN**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Hymn 414





*GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray,

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

L The First Reading according to Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 23

read responsively

- A ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
- C ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever

- A Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

L The Second Reading according to Revelation 7:9-17

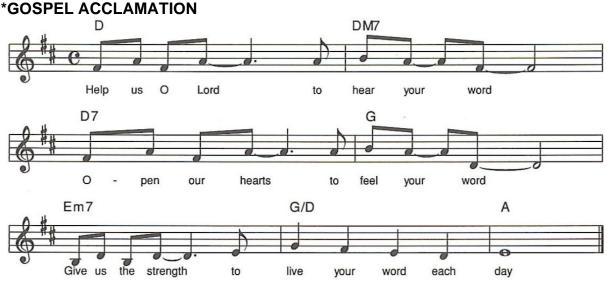
⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

C Thanks be to God.



*GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

P The Holy Gospel according to John 10:22-30

C Glory to you, O Lord.

- P ²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."
- P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Dan Yeiser

Following the Children's Sermon, Children and Children's Choir leaders are dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal and will return for the Sharing of the Peace.

SERMON



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Sing a New Song" St. Paul's Hand Bell Choir

arr. Honore

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(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <u>https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.</u> If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray, Risen One,
- C you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

*DIALOGUE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

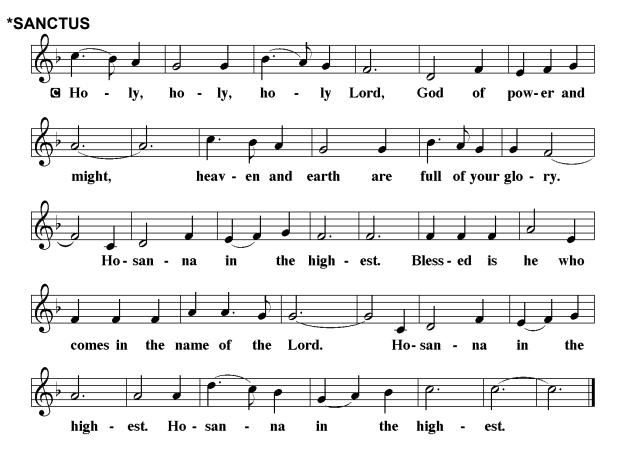
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's assover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

С

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

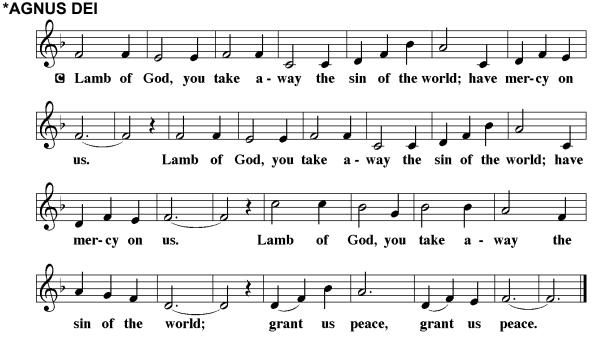
*LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Come to the banquet, for all in now ready.

All are welcome to commune. If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

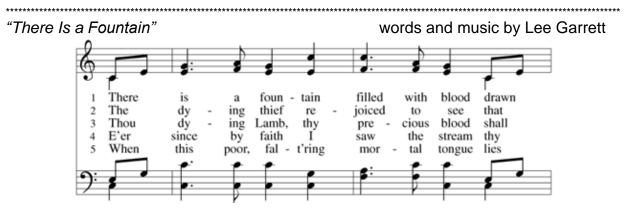


DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Quietude" St. Paul's Hand Bell Choir Meyer

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***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

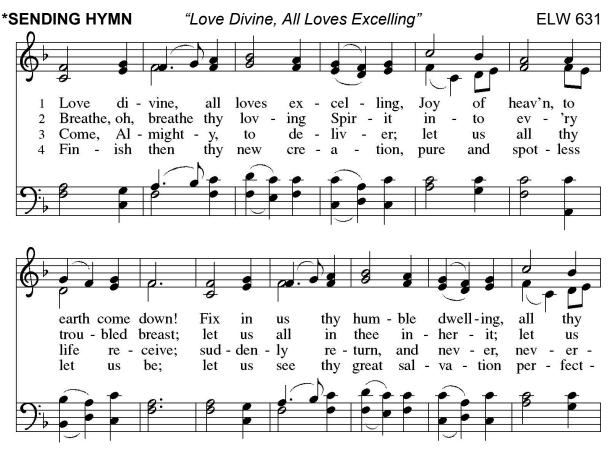
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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- Let us pray. Living one, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- C Amen.

*BLESSING

- P The triune God, who was, who is and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
- C Amen.





*DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*POSTLUDE

* Stand if you are able

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	<u>May 11</u>	<u>May 18</u>
Saturday night Worship	Russ Kaltreider-5/10	Frank Hueske-5/17
Assisting Minister:	Donna Lehman	Deb Sowers
Acolyte:	Matthew Kaltreider	
Lay Reader:	Frank Hueske	Janet Haack
Communion Distributors	Bill Sowers	Cindy Schmidt
	Sally Lovelace	Donna Lehman
Ushers:	Russ Johnson	Russ Johnson
	Christopher Johnson	Christopher Johnson
Altar:	Ginny Murray	Ginny Murray
	Donna Lehman	Donna Lehman

TODAY WE WELCOME, THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM, Nora Elizabeth, Lydia Ann and Noelle Olivia Weible. Welcome to the St. Paul's Church family, girls!

BOTH ALTAR FLOWERS, THE COMMUNION BREAD and WINE and WORSHIP BULLETINS are sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Betty M. Myers and Llewynn (Sparky) Myers by Diana and Bryan G. Smith.

THE PINK ROSEBUD is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of our greatgrandparents, Betty M. Myers and Llewynn (Sparky) Myers by Elexa, Jacob and Lily.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of our grandparents Betty M. Myers and Llewynn (Sparky) Myers by Trisha Foster and Matthew Smith.

FOLLOWING THE CHILDREN'S SERMON, Children and Children's Choir leaders are dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal and will return for the Sharing of the Peace.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE, children going to Faith Formation should proceed directly up to the Science and Cooking room for snack. Parents can pick up their children in the Gathering Room at 11:30am. Next Sunday will be the last session for this year.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR down the hall in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service. If no one volunteers to bring snacks we will only serve coffee. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer. Coffee makers would start the coffee around 9 a.m. (coffee training available on request) Both coffee and snack volunteers would help with set up and clean up. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY will be held following worship. Grab some coffee and snacks in the lounge and join us **in the nursery, across from the lounge,** Next week we will join in with the Faith Formation group for an intergenerational class.

WE WILL HAVE A CONGREGATION MEETING on Sunday, May 18, immediately following the Sunday Worship Service. The purpose is to vote on several Capital Improvements that are needed and presented by the Property Committee to Council at the April Council meeting. Council Approved to move it forward to the Congregation. See the May Evangel for more details.

SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY. Join us in the Lounge, Mon. evenings at 7:00pm.

PASTOR DAN CONTINUES TO OFFER MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAYS from 12:15 – 12:35 pm. This brief service consists of prayer, scripture reading and silent meditation. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

MAY'S DESIGNATED GIVING - Special Designated Giving this month will go to help provide camperships which are basically camp scholarships. Camperships will provide a week of camp for those wishing to experience God's beauty, peace and nature at any Lutheran camp, no matter their age. Lutheran camps provide programs for small children via day camps, school age children through many types of overnight camp programs (mini, sports, arts& crafts, music, fishing, etc.), family camp, adult craft camp and elder camp. Your generous gift for St Paul's May Special Designated Giving goes directly to supporting these camperships. Please assist in this mission of St. Paul's! Laura Silver - St. Paul's CampPerson

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at <u>assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org</u>

Radio–May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date) Altar Flowers-May 18, June 1, 8, 22 & 29 (2 vases at \$20 each); May 25 & June 15 (1 vase at \$20) Communion Bread and Wine- June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$12 each date) Worship Bulletins- June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$20 each date) Eternal Flame-May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$10 each date)

<u>MUSICIANS NEEDED!</u> - Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be more active at church? Then we have an opportunity for you! Our Saturday Evening worship service is seeking musicians to play accompaniment on the first and second Saturdays of the month. ANY instrument is welcome: piano, guitar, flute, trumpet, violin, etc! You can volunteer to play just one Saturday, or as many as you like. NO LONG-TERM COMMITMENT REQUIRED! The songs are the same ones we sing on Sundays. Carmen will send you the worship bulletin ahead of time so you can practice. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet across from Pastor Dan's office. If you'd like more information, please speak to Pastor Dan, Russ Kaltreider, Steven Ruppright, or Suzanne Butler.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will be meeting on **Wednesday, May 21, 2025 (Note the change of date**) at 12:30pm in the Conference Room to discuss <u>Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books</u> by Kirsten Miller. Kirsten Miller brings us a bracing, wildly entertaining satire about a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books and a little lending library that changes everything. The discussion leader will be Janet Haack. Bring a brown bag lunch and a drink. Join us for good discussion and fellowship.

SISTERS IN FAITH...mark your calendars! Our annual retreat will be at Mar-Lu-Ridge on October 10-12.

DIAPER DRIVE - Faith In Action is helping St. John's Lutheran Church in Abbottstown with their Diaper Drive. We are collecting donations of disposable diapers (any size) and baby wipes for them during May. Please bring your donation into St. Paul's and place them in the baskets in the hallway near the pulpit. Thank you for thinking of others.

SUN., MAY 11 Following the Childr Immediately follow		Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 4th Sunday of Easter Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Faith Formation – 2 nd floor Coffee Hour - Lounge Daily Discipleship class – Nursery room (1 st floor) Adult Choir II rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
MON., MAY 12	6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony – Fellowship Hall Daisies – 2 nd Floor Something's Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
TUES., MAY 13	10:30 am 6:00 pm	LIU #12 – Fellowship Hall Finance Committee meeting - lounge
WED., MAY 14	12:15 pm 5:00 pm	Mid-week Devotions – church lounge Property Committee meeting
THUR., MAY 15	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	JUNE/JULY EVANGEL DEADLINE Cub Scouts – 2 nd Floor Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room Adult Choir I rehearsal – Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
FRI., MAY 16	3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym Music and Motion Recital - Sanctuary
SAT., MAY 17	9:00 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Heritage Choir rehearsal - sanctuary Grocery Ministry – St. Paul's Book Club Saturday Evening Worship Service - lounge Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., MAY 18 Following the Childr Immediately follow		Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 5th Sunday of Easter Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Intergenerational Faith Formation Coffee Hour - Lounge Adult Choir II rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary